

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 98**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Baugh**

January 6, 2000

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 98—Relative to the U.S. Submarine Veterans WWII Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 98, as introduced, Baugh. U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 1 between Long Beach and Huntington Beach as the U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII Memorial Highway.

The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of erecting appropriate signs or markers showing that special designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs or markers.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, The U.S. Submarine Veterans WWII  
2 National Memorial West is located at the Seal Beach  
3 Naval Weapons Station and honors the 52 boats and over  
4 3,500 sailors lost on World War II submarines and the two  
5 submarines lost in the Cold War, the Thresher and the  
6 Scorpion; and

7 WHEREAS, This memorial was conceived, designed,  
8 built, and is maintained by the L.A. Area Chapter of the

1 U.S. Submarine Veterans WWII, an organization that  
2 continues to serve its community by doing volunteer  
3 work at the Long Beach Veterans Hospital and for  
4 families of service members at the Seal Beach Naval  
5 Weapons Station, and by participating in parades  
6 honoring our veterans and our country; and

7 WHEREAS, From December 7, 1941, to August 14,  
8 1945, the U.S. Submarine Service comprised about 2  
9 percent of naval personnel but accounted for 55 percent  
10 of the Pacific Theater's enemy losses, and rescued  
11 hundreds of downed allied flyers, including former  
12 President George Bush; and

13 WHEREAS, Seven of these courageous submariners  
14 earned our nation's highest military decoration, the  
15 Medal of Honor, two of which were awarded  
16 posthumously after the recipient paid the ultimate price  
17 for freedom; and

18 WHEREAS, The year 2000 marks the centennial  
19 anniversary of the commissioning of submarines in the  
20 U.S. Navy; and

21 WHEREAS, Veterans of World War II are passing away  
22 at a rate of 10 percent per year, and it would be  
23 appropriate to publicly honor their significant  
24 accomplishments and sacrifices while some survivors are  
25 still with us; and

26 WHEREAS, This public display memorializing the  
27 achievements of veterans of submarine service will  
28 remind future generations of the sacrifices that their  
29 grandparents and great grandparents made during  
30 World War II and stand as an eternal symbol that the State  
31 of California honors and remembers its veterans; and

32 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that the portion of  
33 State Highway Route 1 from the intersection of Golden  
34 West Street in Huntington Beach to the intersection of  
35 Westminster Avenue in Long Beach be designated the  
36 U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII Memorial Highway;  
37 now, therefore, be it

38 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the*  
39 *Senate concurring,* That the Legislature hereby  
40 designates that portion of State Highway Route 1 from

1 the intersection of Golden West Street in Huntington  
2 Beach to the intersection of Westminster Avenue in Long  
3 Beach as the U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII Memorial  
4 Highway; and be it further

5 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is  
6 requested to determine the cost of erecting appropriate  
7 signs or markers, consistent with signing requirements  
8 for the state highway system, showing that special  
9 designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate  
10 sources covering that cost, to erect those signs or markers;  
11 and be it further

12 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly  
13 transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of  
14 Transportation and to the author for appropriate  
15 distribution.

